

North Portal Protests

Executive Brief

Saskatchewan Highway Patrol

Current as of 1600hrs, 18 Feb Thursday, 2022

Changes in **BOLD**

Strategic Summary

80 hours

Protest planned for February 18th, 2022 at North Portal Border Crossing. Anticipating up to 1000 participants

Group of protesters set up campsite near Northgate POE

Estimated 100 vehicles to arrive on Feb 18th, 2022, and 100 vehicles Feb 19th, 2022 (busier day)

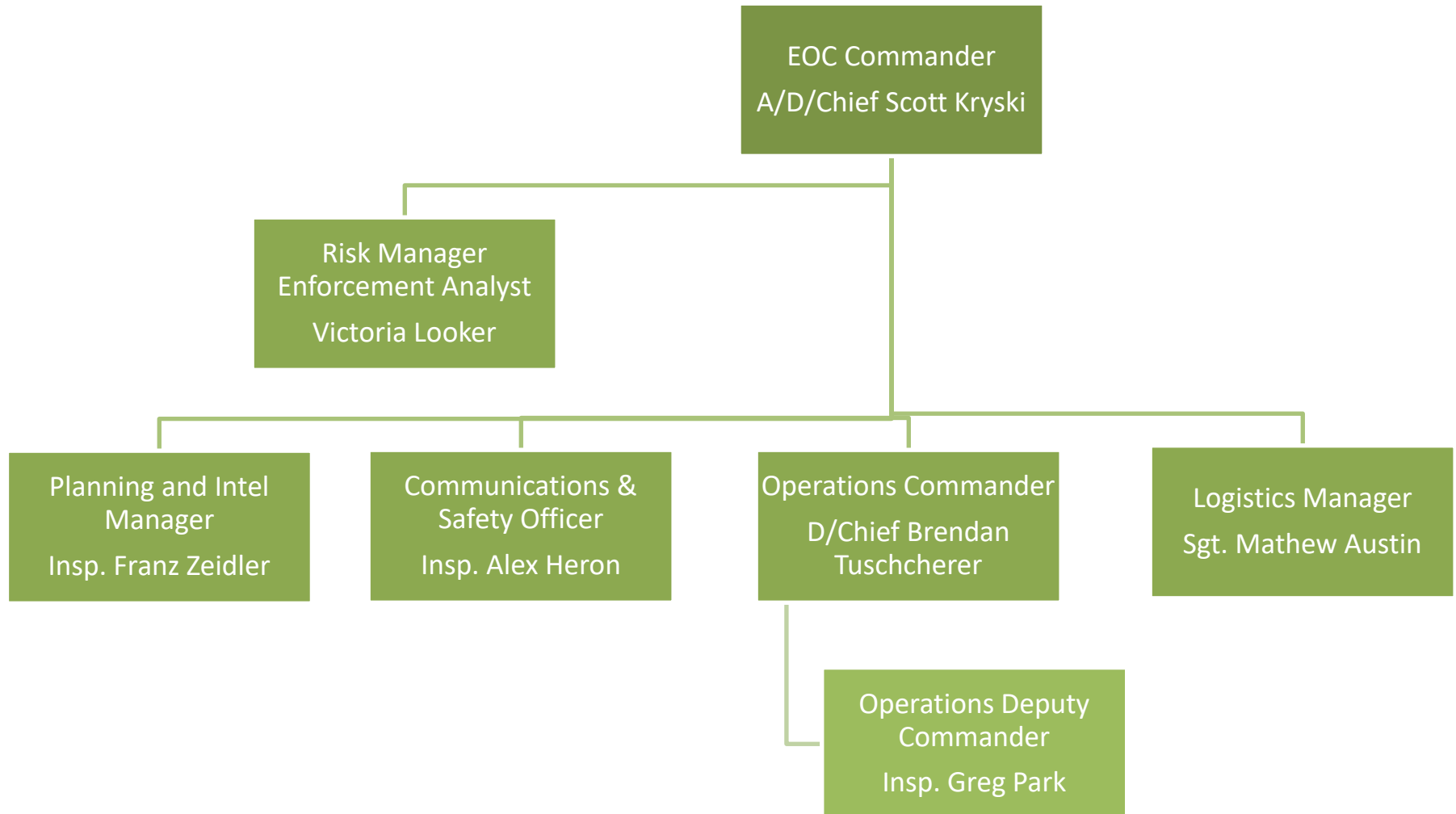
Demonstration related to “Freedom Convoy 2022”

RCMP formally requested assistance from the SHP and its Traffic Officers

Due to similar protests, **Coutts, AB border crossing has reopened** & Emerson, MB border crossing has recently reopened

- The group that arrived in Estevan on Feb 16th joined the campout near Northgate. This camp has roughly 15-20 occupants. This group is welcome to use this property, parties not included in this group are not welcome.
- **RCMP received intelligence that another group may be setting up camp in a field near Check Point A.**
- **More interactions on social media inviting protesters than engagement suggesting actual attendance.**
- Anticipating delays in border crossing services and traffic both North and South bound.

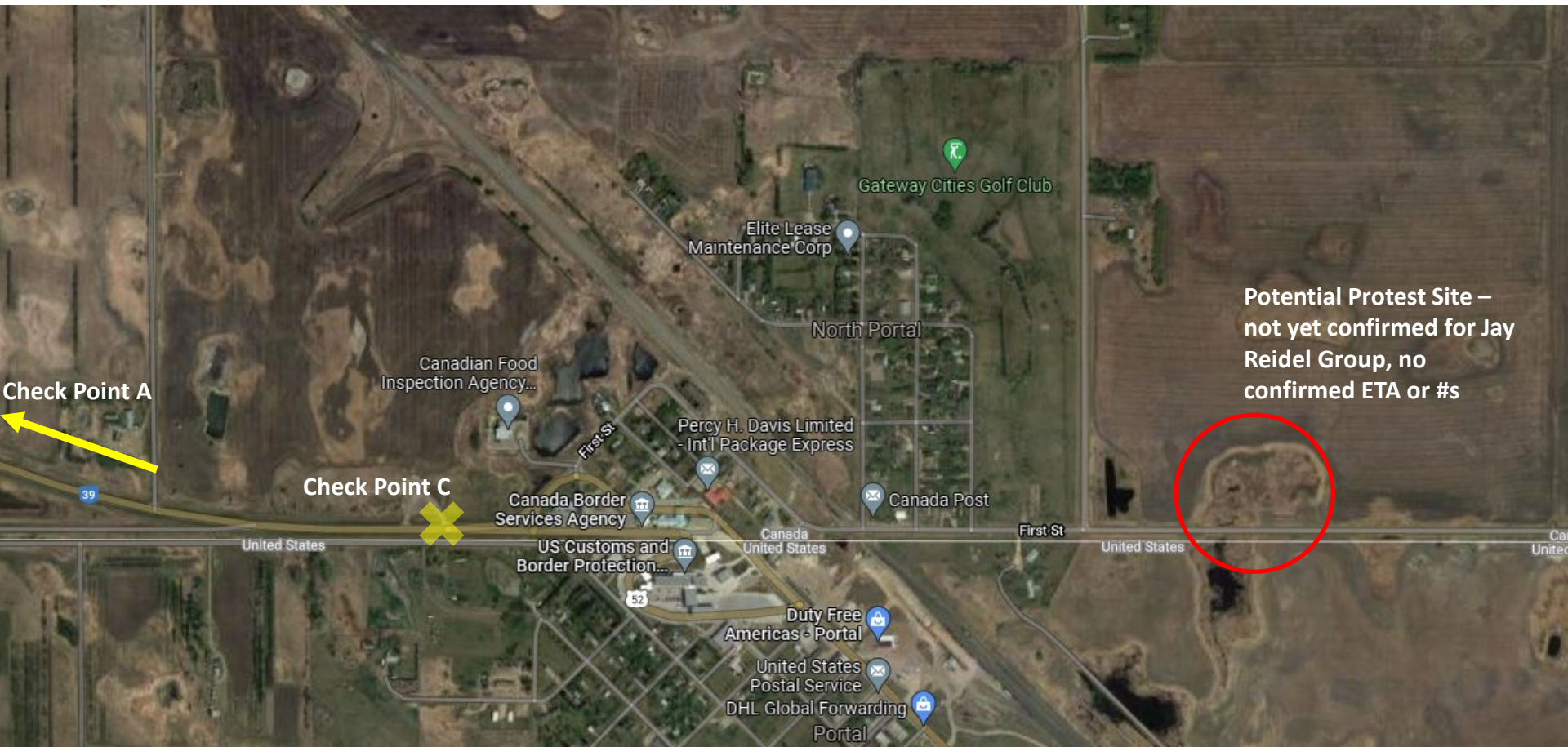
SHP EOC Organizational Structure



Operational Summary

- SHP Emergency Operations Centre is activated to Level 3a (Limited Resource Deployment) as of 0800 Feb 15th, 2022, under SHP22.1.2.B.a.iii.a
- 18 Traffic Officers deployed to assist RCMP operations at North Portal and Northgate
 - 1 Inspector
 - 5 Sergeants
 - 12 Traffic Officers
- **Officers are now collecting and running plates to provide to the RCMP**

Protest Area – North Portal POE



Check Point D near Bien Fait is no longer manned

Protest Area – HWY 39



RCMP received intelligence that another group may be setting up a camp in a field near Check Point A.

Protest Area – Northgate POE



- Check Point E North of Ceres Northgate Inland Terminal
- **Protesters call area “Saskatchewan Freedom Campout”**
- Remaining peaceful and encouraging others who join to do the same
- International Media will be present today
- Presence of known “professional” protesters at Northgate location

Emergencies Act

Legislation

- Allows police additional powers to restore order in places where public assemblies such as blockades and occupations are considered illegal and dangerous activities.
- Allows for the render of essential services for the purposes of restoring order
- Designates border crossings as a critical area

Impacts

- Deters property owners from allowing private land access to protesters fearing legal repercussions
- Protesters are encountering difficulties in finding legal spaces to protest
- Risk of losing commercial/business license resulting in loss of employment a deterrent

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-premiers-cabinet-1.6350734>

SHP Traffic Officer Conduct

- Traffic Officers and employees are expected to follow the SHP Code of Ethics and SHP Code of Conduct during the execution of their duties. SHP 1.1.2 and SHP.11.1.1 describes the principles and commitments to the citizens of Saskatchewan.
- Contraventions of the SHP Code of Ethics and SHP Code of Conduct will be taken seriously and dealt with through the SHP Disciplinary System SHP11.1.4.

Weather Forecast

North Portal, SK Weather ✓ SAVED TO MY LOCATIONS

Updated on Fri, Feb 18, 7:45 a.m.

-14°C FEELS LIKE -27
Mostly cloudy

FRI MORNING BLIZZARD  -15°C FEELS LIKE -28	FRI AFTERNOON A MIX OF SUN AND CLOUDS  -15°C FEELS LIKE -26	FRI EVENING PARTLY CLOUDY  -18°C FEELS LIKE -27
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Sunrise: 07:53
Sunset: 18:15
Wind: 46 km/h NW
Wind Gusts: 70 km/h

Unfavourable conditions
for protesters this
morning

	Sat 02/19	Sun 02/20	Mon 02/21	Tue 02/22	Wed 02/23	Thu 02/24	Fri 02/25
	A mix of sun and clouds	Cloudy with sunny breaks	Cloudy with sunny breaks	A mix of sun and clouds	Mainly sunny	Sunny	Mainly sunny
							
	7°	-16°	-21°	-19°	-15°	-12°	-11°
Feels like	3	-26	-30	-28	-21	-19	-20
Night	-17°	-25°	-27°	-28°	-25°	-22°	-17°

Source: Weather Network

saskatchewan.ca

Immediate Impacts (Next 24-72 Hours)

Sector	Impact	Notes	Trend
Energy & Utilities	Medium	Delays in transportation of Energy Goods (Co-Op)	↑
Transportation	Medium	HWY 39 likely to have traffic interruptions and delays HWY 9 (Route to Northgate PEO) and HWY 18 (East and Westbound between Bien Fait and HWY 9) may have traffic interruptions and delays due to check stops	↑
Information and Communication Technology	Low		
Food	Medium	Delays in transportation of Food Goods	↑
Government	Medium	Delays in goods and services potentially affecting economy	↑
Finance	Low		
Health	Low		
Water	Low		
Safety	Medium	Potential safety concerns for SHP Traffic Officers and RCMP Officers. Community safety resources reduced due to Officer demand for protest management. Tow Truck companies' willingness deterred from being on standby due to perception from protesters	↑
Manufacturing	Medium	Delays in transportation of Manufactured Goods	↑

Impacts & Mitigation

Impact	Mitigation
Delays in transportation of Energy Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in transportation of Food Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in goods and services potentially affecting economy	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Delays in transportation of Manufactured Goods	Use alternative POE, Regway (6 am – 10 pm daily)
Community Safety	Use PRT services for assistance from CSOs, SHP, other Government of Saskatchewan Peace Officers
HWY 39 likely to have traffic interruptions and delays	Traffic travelling HWY 39 Southbound to the border recommended to use alternative POE. Traffic travelling Northbound from North Portal to Estevan recommended to use Grid Roads as an alternative route. RCMP sharing pamphlets with protesters on acceptable actions for lawful protest- includes informing on allowing traffic flow
HWY 9 likely to experience traffic interruptions and delays	RCMP sharing pamphlets with protesters on acceptable actions for lawful protest- includes informing on allowing traffic flow

Contingency Planning

Issue Likelihood of Occurrence Duration	Implications	Applicable Policies and Procedures	Mitigating Factors	Actions (Current and Planned)	Responsible Agencies (Lead Agency listed first)	Status / Notes	Data / Measures ¹ (under review)
Extended Deployment Duration Possible Short to Medium Term	Depleting SHP resources from routine duties and PRT availability Requiring additional accommodations and extending current accommodations Fatigued Traffic Officers-requiring relief	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10	Protest Size: - Protest Duration ensuring Traffic Officer are adequately rested to perform duties - Larger crowds require additional resources. Watch for crowd size on Feb 18th and Feb 19th	SHP 22.1.2 currently in effect, SHP EOC is activated to level 3a Currently 19 Traffic Officers are deployed to the North Portal and surrounding areas One day shift of 9 members and one night shift of 7 members. One Insp. Stationed in RCMP ICP. Plan: prepare a relief TEAM for night shift, allow original night shift staff to rest and relieve day shift. Set three team cycle. Event lasting long than 30 days introduce three team cycle. Call hotels in area to assess accommodation availability	RCMP – S/Sgt. Deneen Woodrow, ICP Commander Insp. Darcy Kalinowski SHP-ICP Liaison Officer		Officer Wellbeing on SHP Shift Commander Incident Summary
Escalation of Threat Level of Protest Possible Short to Medium Term	Officer Safety Public Safety Public Confidence Delays in Traffic	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10 SHP 4.1.1-8 SHP 17.3.5,8,11 Emergency Measures Act	Information Sharing: - RCMP and SHP handing out pamphlets to protesters at checkpoints to inform of lawful protest activities Blockade: - Encourage protesters to station with permission on private property Supervisors to update Traffic Officers of Threat Levels Traffic Officers to be aware of threat cues	Insp. Franz Zeidler scanning social media for indication of extremist presents Follow RCMP Tactical Plans	RCMP SHP		Monitor Radio Channels Hourly Updates from Insp. Darcy Kalinowski stationed in RCMP ICP Open Source Scanning Use of Force Reports BWC Review Public Complaints

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Issue Likelihood of Occurrence Duration	Impacts and Implications	Applicable Plans	Mitigating Factors	Actions (Current and Planned)	Responsible Agencies (Lead Agency listed first)	Status / Notes	Data / Measures ¹ (under review)
Broadening of Operating Theatre Possible Short to Medium Term	Depleting SHP resources from routine duties and PRT availability Requiring additional accommodations and extending current accommodations Fatigued Traffic Officers- requiring relief	SHP 22.1.2 SHP 22.1.10	Additional checkpoints	RCMP surveying area to identify other areas of operation	RCMP		Updates from ICP
Responding to PRT demands Possible Short to Medium Term	Reduced SHP Resources to respond to PRT requests RCMP reduced resources may require additional PRT requests		Other participating PRT members to receive/respond to PRT requests	Notify PECC of reduced SHP work force	PECC Participating PRT members		PRT reports
Border Closure Possible Short to Medium Term	Delays in transporting goods and services		RCMP communicate with CBSA on threat levels	Update Highway Hotline Alternative Routing for POE - Regway POE (open daily 6 AM to 10 PM) - Oungre POE (open daily 8 AM to 4 PM) - Torquay POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) - Noonan-Estevan POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) - Elmore POE - Lyleton, MB POE (open daily 9 AM to 5 PM) Redirect Traffic - Westbound to Estevan from Oxbow: N on HWY 9, W HWY 13, S HWY 47 - Westbound to Estevan from Frobisher: N on HWY 604, W on HWY 361, S on HWY 47 - Westbound to Estevan from Hirsch or Bien Fait: HWY 18 to HWY 605, N on HWY 605 W on HWY 361, Ss on HWY 47	CBSA RCMP Ministry of Highways SHP		Threat Level Border closure

Coutts, AB “Freedom Convoy”



Jan 29th, 2022

Beginning of Trucker
Convoy/Coutts Blockade
preventing access to the POE

Feb 14th, 2022

Search Warrant executed
resulting in arrests and the
seizure of multiple firearms,
ammunition, and body armor

Feb 14th, 2022

Ottawa invokes Emergencies
Act in locations where
blockades and occupations are
disrupting critical
infrastructure

Feb 16th, 2022

Coutts Blockade ends
voluntarily

Source: <https://globalnews.ca/news/8626096/coutts-village-alberta-blockade-ends/#:~:text=What%20started%20as%20a%20rolling,discovery%20of%20weapons%20and%20ammunition.>
<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/alberta-rcmp-make-arrests-coutts-border-blockade>
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Key Take Aways from Coutts, AB Blockade



- Discovery of weapons and the indication to escalation to violence served as the catalyst for protesters to go home and distance themselves from a violent cause. This indicated that most protesters want to exercise their right to protest lawfully and peacefully
- \$48 million in trade passes through this border daily
- Diagonal (far right group) associated with the arrests at the Coutts border indicated on social media they will continue protesting at another location
- Farmers became an active part of the blockade



Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/coutts-protest-blockade-arrests-rcmp-tuesday-1.6352128>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/coutts-arrests-charges-border-protest-1.6354587>
<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/alberta-rcmp-make-arrests-coutts-border-blockade>
https://www.cbcnews.ca/canada/what-is-the-diagonal-extremist-group-and-what-does-it-want-1.5785646?cid=sm%3Atrueanthenm%3Actv%3Anorthernontario%3Amanualpost&taid=620f928f4f61e700012c04f7&utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+New+Content+%28Feed%29&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook

Social Media

REGINA CONVOY TO NORTH PORTAL BORDER CROSSING



MEET: SOUTHLAND MALL PARKING LOT
ALBERT ST AND GORDON RD
DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022
TIME: ARRIVE 9:30AM • LEAVE 10:00AM

Police in Ottawa start making arrests as operation to end occupation gets underway

House of Commons cancels sitting today

LIVE 3 Hours Ago

LIVE House of Commons cancels sitting today as police operations get underway

FRONT BURNER Inside the Ottawa convoy protest as police move in

Convoy protest organizers Tamara Lich, Chris Barber arrested



VIDEO

What could happen to children of arrested Ottawa protesters?

PHOTOS

Police closing in on Ottawa convoy protesters

Banks have started to freeze accounts linked to the protests, Freeland says

Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news>

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Swift Current, Sask. convoy protest organizer arrested in Ottawa

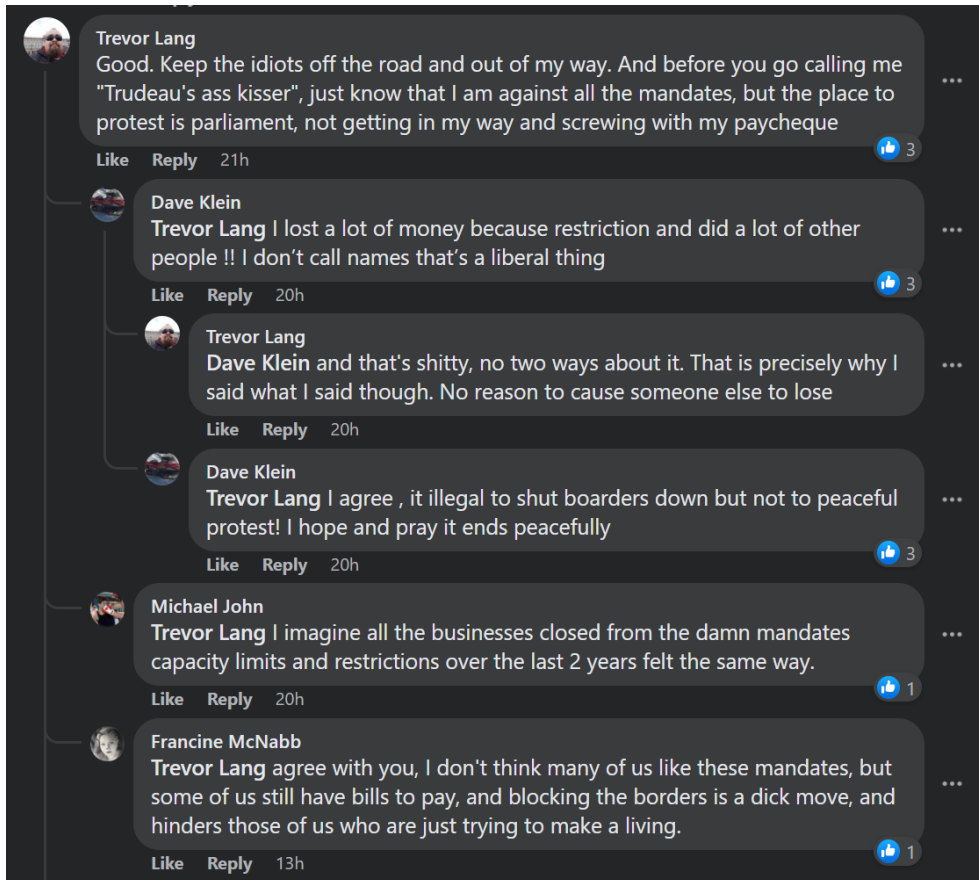
Tamara Lich, Chris Barber and Pat King, key organizers of the so-called Freedom Convoy that has occupied Ottawa streets for three weeks, were arrested in Ottawa and charged.

Canada - Ottawa | 7 Minutes Ago

Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan>



Social Media



Source: Facebook, 306 Pavement Pounders



Saskatchewan RCMP gearing up for border crossing protests

Source: Global News, Regina

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